

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

EASTERN DIVISION

MAVERICK RECORDING COMPANY, a  
California joint venture; CAPITOL  
RECORDS, INC., a Delaware corporation;  
ATLANTIC RECORDING CORPORATION,  
a Delaware corporation; UMG  
RECORDINGS, INC., a Delaware corporation;  
and ELEKTRA ENTERTAINMENT GROUP  
INC., a Delaware corporation,

Plaintiffs,

v.

JOHN DOE,

Defendant.

CIVIL ACTION No.

04 - 12436 NG

MAGISTRATE JUDGE

RECEIPT # 60253  
AMOUNT \$150  
SUMMONS ISSUED Yes  
LOCAL RULE 4.1  
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DATE 11/18/04

**COMPLAINT FOR COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT**

Plaintiffs assert the following claims against Defendant.

**JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

1. This is a civil action seeking damages and injunctive relief for copyright infringement under the copyright laws of the United States (17 U.S.C. § 101 et seq.).

2. This Court has jurisdiction under 17 U.S.C. § 101 et seq.; 28 U.S.C. § 1331 (federal question); and 28 U.S.C. § 1338(a) (copyright).

3. Venue in this District is proper under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) and/or 28 U.S.C. § 1400(a). Although the true identity of Defendant is unknown to Plaintiffs at this time, on information and belief, Defendant may be found in this District and/or a substantial part of the acts of infringement complained of herein occurred in this District. On information and belief, personal jurisdiction in this District is proper because Defendant, without consent or permission of the copyright owner, disseminated over the Internet copyrighted works owned and/or controlled by the Plaintiffs. On information and belief, such illegal dissemination occurred in every jurisdiction in the United States, including this one. In addition, Defendant uses an online service provider found in this District to access the Internet, which facilitated Defendant's infringing activities.

#### **PARTIES**

4. Plaintiff Maverick Recording Company is a joint venture between Maverick Records and Warner Bros. Records Inc., organized and existing under the laws of the State of California, with its principal place of business in the State of California.

5. Plaintiff Capitol Records, Inc. is a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, with its principal place of business in the State of New York.

6. Plaintiff Atlantic Recording Corporation is a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, with its principal place of business in the State of New York.

7. Plaintiff UMG Recordings, Inc. is a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, with its principal place of business in the State of California.

8. Plaintiff Elektra Entertainment Group Inc. is a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, with its principal place of business in the State of New York.

9. The true name and capacity of the Defendant is unknown to Plaintiffs at this time. Defendant is known to Plaintiffs only by the Internet Protocol ("IP") address assigned to Defendant by his or her online service provider on the date and time at which the infringing activity of Defendant was observed. See Exhibit A. Plaintiffs believe that information obtained in discovery will lead to the identification of Defendant's true name.

## **COUNT I**

### **INFRINGEMENT OF COPYRIGHTS**

10. Plaintiffs incorporate herein by this reference each and every allegation contained in each paragraph above.

11. Plaintiffs are, and at all relevant times have been, the copyright owners or licensees of exclusive rights under United States copyright law with respect to certain copyrighted sound recordings, including, but not limited to, all of the copyrighted sound recordings on Exhibit A to this Complaint (collectively, these copyrighted sound recordings shall

be identified as the "Copyrighted Recordings"). Each of the Copyrighted Recordings is the subject of a valid Certificate of Copyright Registration issued by the Register of Copyrights to each Plaintiff as specified on Exhibit A.

12. Among the exclusive rights granted to each Plaintiff under the Copyright Act are the exclusive rights to reproduce the Copyrighted Recordings and to distribute the Copyrighted Recordings to the public.

13. Plaintiffs are informed and believe that Defendant, without the permission or consent of Plaintiffs, has used, and continues to use, an online media distribution system to download, distribute to the public, and/or make available for distribution to others, certain of the Copyrighted Recordings. Exhibit A identifies a list of copyrighted recordings that Defendant has, without the permission or consent of Plaintiffs, downloaded, distributed to the public, and/or made available for distribution to others. In doing so, Defendant has violated Plaintiffs' exclusive rights of reproduction and distribution. Defendant's actions constitute infringement of Plaintiffs' copyrights and/or exclusive rights under copyright. (In addition to the sound recordings listed for Defendant on Exhibit A, Plaintiffs are informed and believe that Defendant has, without the permission or consent of Plaintiffs, downloaded, distributed to the public, and/or made available for distribution to others additional sound recordings owned by or exclusively licensed to the Plaintiffs or Plaintiffs' affiliate record labels.)

14. Plaintiffs are informed and believe that the foregoing acts of infringement have been willful, intentional, and in disregard of and with indifference to the rights of Plaintiffs.

15. As a result of Defendant's infringement of Plaintiffs' copyrights and exclusive rights under copyright, Plaintiffs are entitled to statutory damages pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 504(c) against Defendant for each infringement by the Defendant of each copyrighted recording. Plaintiffs further are entitled to their attorneys' fees and costs pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 505.

16. The conduct of Defendant is causing and, unless enjoined and restrained by this Court, will continue to cause Plaintiffs great and irreparable injury that cannot fully be compensated or measured in money. Plaintiffs have no adequate remedy at law. Pursuant to 17 U.S.C. §§ 502 and 503, Plaintiffs are entitled to injunctive relief prohibiting Defendant from further infringing Plaintiffs' copyrights, and ordering that Defendant destroy all copies of copyrighted sound recordings made in violation of Plaintiffs' exclusive rights.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for judgment against Defendant as follows:

1. For an injunction providing:

"Defendant shall be and hereby is enjoined from directly or indirectly infringing Plaintiffs' rights under federal or state law in the Copyrighted Recordings and any sound recording, whether now in existence or later created, that is owned or controlled by Plaintiffs (or any parent, subsidiary, or affiliate record label of Plaintiffs) ("Plaintiffs' Recordings"), including without limitation by using the Internet or any online media distribution system to reproduce (*i.e.*, download) any of Plaintiffs' Recordings, to distribute (*i.e.*, upload) any of Plaintiffs' Recordings, or to make

any of Plaintiffs' Recordings available for distribution to the public, except pursuant to a lawful license or with the express authority of Plaintiffs. Defendant also shall destroy all copies of Plaintiffs' Recordings that Defendant has downloaded onto any computer hard drive or server without Plaintiffs' authorization and shall destroy all copies of those downloaded recordings transferred onto any physical medium or device in Defendant's possession, custody, or control."

2. For statutory damages for each infringement of each Copyrighted Recording pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 504.

3. For Plaintiffs' costs in this action.

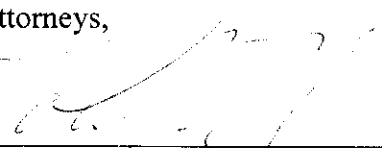
4. For Plaintiffs' reasonable attorneys' fees incurred herein.

5. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

MAVERICK RECORDING CO.; CAPITOL  
RECORDS, INC.; ATLANTIC RECORDING  
CORP.; UMG RECORDINGS, INC.; and  
ELEKTRA ENTERTAINMENT GROUP  
INC.

By their attorneys,

DATED: 11/18/04

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## I. (a) PLAINTIFFS

MAVERICK RECORDING CO.; CAPITOL RECORDS, INC.; ATLANTIC RECORDING CORP.; UMG RECORDINGS, INC.; and ELEKTRA ENTERTAINMENT GROUP INC.

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

## DEFENDANTS

JOHN DOE

County of Residence of First Listed Defendant

NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE LAND INVOLVED.

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## II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☐ 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff
- ☒ 3. Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)
- ☐ 2 U.S. Government Defendant
- ☐ 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

## III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)

- Citizen of This State ☐ 1 ☐ 1 Incorporated or Principal Place of Business In This State ☐ 4 ☐ 4
- Citizen of Another State ☐ 2 ☐ 2 Incorporated and Principal Place of Business In Another State ☐ 5 ☐ 5
- Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country ☐ 3 ☐ 3 Foreign Nation ☐ 6 ☐ 6

## IV. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

CONTRACT	TORTS	FORFEITURE/PENALTY	BANKRUPTCY	OTHER STATUTES	
<input type="checkbox"/> 110 Insurance <input type="checkbox"/> 120 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 130 Miller Act <input type="checkbox"/> 140 Negotiable Instrument <input type="checkbox"/> 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment <input type="checkbox"/> 151 Medicare Act <input type="checkbox"/> 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excl. Veterans) <input type="checkbox"/> 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits <input type="checkbox"/> 160 Stockholders' Suits <input type="checkbox"/> 190 Other Contract <input type="checkbox"/> 195 Contract Product Liability	<b>PERSONAL INJURY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 310 Airplane <input type="checkbox"/> 315 Airplane Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 320 Assault, Libel & Slander <input type="checkbox"/> 330 Federal Employers' Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 340 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 345 Marine Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 350 Motor Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 360 Other Personal Injury	<b>PERSONAL INJURY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 362 Personal Injury—Med. Malpractice <input type="checkbox"/> 365 Personal Injury—Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 368 Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability <b>PERSONAL PROPERTY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 370 Other Fraud <input type="checkbox"/> 371 Truth in Lending <input type="checkbox"/> 380 Other Personal Property Damage <input type="checkbox"/> 385 Property Damage Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 610 Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> 620 Other Food & Drug <input type="checkbox"/> 625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881 <input type="checkbox"/> 630 Liquor Laws <input type="checkbox"/> 640 R.R. & Truck <input type="checkbox"/> 650 Airline Regs. <input type="checkbox"/> 660 Occupational Safety/Health <input type="checkbox"/> 690 Other	<input type="checkbox"/> 422 Appeal 28 USC 158 <input type="checkbox"/> 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157 <b>PROPERTY RIGHTS</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 820 Copyrights <input type="checkbox"/> 830 Patent <input type="checkbox"/> 840 Trademark	<input type="checkbox"/> 400 State Reapportionment <input type="checkbox"/> 410 Antitrust <input type="checkbox"/> 430 Banks and Banking <input type="checkbox"/> 450 Commerce/ICC Rates/etc. <input type="checkbox"/> 460 Deportation <input type="checkbox"/> 470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations <input type="checkbox"/> 810 Selective Service <input type="checkbox"/> 850 Securities/Commodities/Exchange <input type="checkbox"/> 875 Customer Challenge 12 USC 3410 <input type="checkbox"/> 891 Agricultural Acts <input type="checkbox"/> 892 Economic Stabilization Act <input type="checkbox"/> 893 Environmental Matters <input type="checkbox"/> 894 Energy Allocation Act <input type="checkbox"/> 895 Freedom of Information Act
<b>REAL PROPERTY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 210 Land Condemnation <input type="checkbox"/> 220 Foreclosure <input type="checkbox"/> 230 Rent Lease & Ejectment <input type="checkbox"/> 240 Torts to Land <input type="checkbox"/> 245 Tort Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 290 All Other Real Property	<b>CIVIL RIGHTS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 441 Voting <input type="checkbox"/> 442 Employment <input type="checkbox"/> 443 Housing/Accommodations <input type="checkbox"/> 444 Welfare <input type="checkbox"/> 440 Other Civil Rights	<b>PRISONER PETITIONS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 510 Motions to Vacate Sentence <input type="checkbox"/> Habeas Corpus: <input type="checkbox"/> 530 General <input type="checkbox"/> 535 Death Penalty <input type="checkbox"/> 540 Mandamus & Other <input type="checkbox"/> 550 Civil Rights <input type="checkbox"/> 555 Prison Condition	<b>LABOR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 710 Fair Labor Standards Act <input type="checkbox"/> 720 Labor/Mgmt. Relations <input type="checkbox"/> 730 Labor/Mgmt. Reporting & Disclosure Act <input type="checkbox"/> 740 Railway Labor Act <input type="checkbox"/> 790 Other Labor Litigation <input type="checkbox"/> 791 Empl. Ret. Inc. Security Act	<input type="checkbox"/> 861 HIA (1395ff) <input type="checkbox"/> 862 Black Lung (923) <input type="checkbox"/> 863 DIWC/DIWW 405(g) <input type="checkbox"/> 864 SSID Title XVI <input type="checkbox"/> 865 RSI (405(g)) <b>FEDERAL TAX SUITS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant) <input type="checkbox"/> 871 IRS—Third Party 26 USC 7609	<input type="checkbox"/> 470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations <input type="checkbox"/> 810 Selective Service <input type="checkbox"/> 850 Securities/Commodities/Exchange <input type="checkbox"/> 875 Customer Challenge 12 USC 3410 <input type="checkbox"/> 891 Agricultural Acts <input type="checkbox"/> 892 Economic Stabilization Act <input type="checkbox"/> 893 Environmental Matters <input type="checkbox"/> 894 Energy Allocation Act <input type="checkbox"/> 895 Freedom of Information Act <input type="checkbox"/> 900 Appeal of Fee Determination Under Equal Access to Justice <input type="checkbox"/> 950 Constitutionality of State Statutes <input type="checkbox"/> 890 Other Statutory Actions

## V. ORIGIN (PLACE AN "X" IN ONE BOX ONLY)

- ☒ 1 Original Proceeding ☐ 2 Removed from State Court ☐ 3 Remanded from Appellate Court ☐ 4 Reinstated or Reopened ☐ 5 Transferred from another district (specify) ☐ 6 Multidistrict Litigation ☐ 7 District Judge from Magistrate Judgment

## VI. CAUSE OF ACTION

(Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing and write brief statement of cause. Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity.)

17 U.S.C. § 501 et seq. – copyright infringement

## VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT

- ☐ CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER F.R.C.P. 23 ☐ DEMAND \$ ☐ CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint ☐ JURY DEMAND: ☐ Yes ☒ No

## VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY

(See instructions)

JUDGE Nancy Gertner DOCKET NUMBER Lead Docket No. 03-CV-11661 NG

DATE

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD

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**Exhibit A****Doe #1 (199.94.73.88 2004-09-16 15:36:39 (EDT))**

COPYRIGHT OWNER	ARTIST	RECORDING TITLE	ALBUM TITLE	SR#
UMG Recordings, Inc.	Soft Cell	Sex Dwarf	Non-Stop Erotic Cabaret	32-408
Elektra Entertainment Group Inc.	The Cure	Close to Me	The Head on the Door	65-872
Atlantic Recording Corporation	Tori Amos	Cornflake Girl	Under the Pink	185-391
Capitol Records, Inc.	Poison	Talk Dirty to Me	Look What the Cat Dragged In	82-349
Maverick Recording Company	Michelle Branch	All You Wanted	The Spirit Room	303-732
Capitol Records, Inc.	Radiohead	Nice Dream	The Bends	280-260
Maverick Recording Company	Deftones	Be Quiet And Drive	Around The Fur	244-493